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Dear Js,

Some catching up on last mailing:

EMK-Nofziger. That anyone could be called a cheat in comparison with Nixon and his California record, that Vheckers business being jail stuff, is perhaps the most eloquent commentary on American politics of recent months, if not years. And Krock or not, I still believe that as of now EMK neither wants nor intends to be a candidate. It is impossible for a potential candidate to take himself out unequivocally without giving away his political heft, ot his trading strength. Byt my position is unchanged. If Nofziger is the shrewdie suggested, rather than just a political roughneck, he knows that any attack on EMK rubs off on the party and its candidate, as he sees political reality. Maybe he'll change, but as of today, although I think he'd win with little trouble, I do not think he'd run. I have not heard anyone, anywhere, say a good word for Nixon in so long I can't remember. His record is the most dismal. So this is not saying as much for EMK as it may seem. He has inherited much, and when he has taken positions, he has done it well and whether or not principled, has come accross that way. I think his shrewedt political stance today, esp. with his age and survival problems, is to be the unassuming elder stateman. But I agree with Krock to this extent: that is the only way it can happen.

Spy Shop/ Powell. That may be the source, but I seem to recall such a quote from his committee appearance. Thanks for the article, but I do not really need it.

2/3, jdw: Those pictures of the blanketed kids were on an end table next to which Lil was sitting after supper tonight. She picked them up, looked at them, and put out the broadest, happiest smile. They look like great kids!

Thanks for the info on TDK. That is the brand the name of which I'd forgotten. If it is new, it will take a year to get here. But I'm vy glad to get this info, for when I use up what I have, I'm going to have to switch to better cassettes if only for the preservation of the machine. My old VOM, as of today, is not back from the factory yet. It has been 2 months or more, and I'd rather use that for playbacks, etc., to save wear and tear on that beautiful TC 40, which will have to last. By the way,it has another good feature I discovered by accident. When the cassette seems to be in place and when the lid closes easily, if it is not perfectly positioned, the machine will not run. If it is accident rather than design, it is still great. Do not make a special inquiry, but when next you are at Accurate, I'd like to know if TDK also has the audio sensor. For interviews that should be a must now. I've gotten engrossed and let them run over, and I've disturbed concentration watching for the end.

Lattimer pix: no special need now. I have asked a friend to get me one from UPI, which also moved it and where I have a friend in the NYC pix office. My interest was well reflected in the one UPI shot I saw. Did get yours. L gets more impossible everyk time he yaps. I think that if I haven't closed that yapping, it will soon happen. He made the mistake of conning a square, trusting reporter who has a small Lattimer library and is with a syndicate. Sh!

Graham followup: considering that I know what was in the works, I'm really surprized it hasn't happened. Maybe Fred has had enough. Can't do more until the VOM is back. The Archives isntrying its best to get me to apply for access withproxy eyes. When I reply, I'll carbon. Most recent received today. I will denounce the cheap ploy, name-trading, etc.

Haven't heard from Wade since writing, but may not. He does not always respond. Campaign time there now, and when I wad there he held me up once to receive a party delegation soliciting him to run as an honest candidate, am man with no taint of money crookedness. I also have to send him some books...True about those legal eagles on the Commission being scared about g etting a subpena. I've got it all. In fact, I think I have that part of a book-length beginning of an analysis of those sessions done, mhybe three-four years.

Je's 2/3. You are right on the pants. It was my idea, not Lil's. I'd read this before I picked her up for the trip to Wilmington. I asked her if she though they could be taken in, because I remember you as much more slender than she. She says if the last pair were close to your size, they are in some way I do not now recall (and she is deep in tax work she had to bring home so I won't ask her now) not suitable. But it is a shame for such nice

comfortable things not to be used and enjoyed. Neither she nor I could think of anyone we know they'd fit and not too much the fogey to wear them. When she has time, we'll record the measurements, and if we have not thought of someone by then will send them to you in the event you or someone you know could enjoy them.

Kuttner was to do an interview. He'll give me the cassette after they dub if I want it. I have not reminded him for several reasons, one being I feel the more attention we attract to a dead horse, the more likely the flies are to learn. I have no personal interest to serve. There are things I could and would say that I'd be happy to be aired, but not any serious commentary on what Lattimer said. Small as their audience is, it could serve a constructive purpose to go into the whole mess while just ridiculing Lattimer briefly. When I go to DC I have too many things to do, and the alternative is his coming here, which he has done. Among what must be his present problems is their effort to get the last open FM channel in the Washington area. Do you suppose this could have anything to do with the liquidation of Elsa Knight Thompson? My interview on FAME-UP I have somewhere. When I see it I'll dub you a copy, if you want to spend an hour that way. They aired it twice, once in unannounced time and once programmed. In NYC, that is. I do not know if more than programmed out there. But I got not a single reaction to it, not from those once so active in the case(s), either. Your analysis of the problems the changed programming will bring is persuasive. It may also have the effect of making the kids believe they are being patronized, which will reduce the audience even more. The kind of (to me)junk you mention requires no such station for those who want it. You have hit a point I think is little understood. Some of us older one have a better rapport with the more serious ypunger ones than they can establish with their peers. I8m sure you do and I know we do. They are the only ones who come here now, and they love it. It is no longer apt to refer to a generation-gap. It is a concept gap. Some of the kids are much farthur back than many of our years, and we, in our thinking, are much "younger" than they...In this connection, not radical policy switches from the bound-to-fail by a wide spectrum, for the Chicago Eight to the Panthers. But unless there is an absence of what they now call music on other stations, I think the Pacifica-type program for the ypung should be for the immature young. It serves no real purpose with that strange zigtwaggslurpboom stuff I can't stand. It is available everywhere. That time is too precious for duplications... I wish I thought the Nixon FCC would give them the license. We could use one here! My interest would be in the news and public affairs. When I listen to music, I find the kind I want readily available. I'm a longhair, but I am also addicted to some of what was once considered pop music, boogiewoogie, New Orleans jazz, calypso, and old folk music,not the monotony I hear today....Lattimer transcript:I have asked the friend who made and has free xeroxing to send....Pacifica again: have you forgotten they did a similar thing at a time a congressional committee was after them?

Hal continues silent. Been nibbling at The Pentagon Papers. I'm now nu,b and it is no longer registering. It is the samethingoverandover andover again. But worth having if you didn't get the Bantam edition. And I've started Khruschev Remembers, which is impressive and again I think worth having. Bantam edition out and available. It has an authentic tone and compared to what we have been getting from former Presidents, is of exemplary honesty-as far as I have gone. If I'd anticipated Lil would be 45 minutes late tonight, I'd have taken it rather than a fairly innocuous piece in the Sunday Post magazine on Malek by Robert Sherrill, which left me sitting and waiting most of the time. This time of the year. most of my reading is waiting-time reading. Lil can't quit on time. She has to finish with the client she is serving, and if her relief is late, she has to be there until the office is adequately staffed. She got there late for her this time of the year, 8 a.m., and now, at 10:15 p.m., she is checking returns at home. Too long a day. She was too tired to knit on the way to Wilmington. She dozen, which is hard on the neck in a '65, which does not have high backs on the seats...Bantam has come out with a Thoughts of Chairman Mao (I don't know ahat happened to my Freemantle editing) and a report by the American shcolars who went there. I'll be getting both...Guess thumb is okay. Still swollen, stiff and sensitive even to cold. Can't bend half way and think I'm better off, with connective-tissue damage probable, not trying. But is is great to be able to wear a glove now that we finally have some winter. This is generally our most severe month. The neighborhood kids spend afternoons iceskating on our pond, now for the first time really safe. Best,